(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The value of export of bicycles and parts amounted to Rs. 30.00 crores during April-November, 1986. The exports were Rs. 46.50 crores during 1984-85 and 1985-86 respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The stagnation in bicycles exports have taken place because:

(1) Indian industry is still largely producing the traditional bicycles and needs upgradation of technology.

(2) Balance of payments problems are being faced by many of our traditional markets. This has resulted in reduced demand for imports.

(3) Certain of indigenous capacity in some of our markets for manufacture of bicycles.

Promotion of tourism by India in Mauritius

157. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Mauritius has sought the assistance of the Government of India for promoting tourism in that country;

(b) whether any agreement has been signed between the two countries in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The various measures for the promotion of tourism between mauritius and India came in for discusson both during the visit of Minister of State for Tourism accompanied by the Director General of Tourism in Sepember, 1986 and during the recent visit to India by a high level Mauritanian delegation led by Sir Charles Gaetan Duval, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Employment and Tourism.

No agreement on Tourism has been signed between the two countries. However, in the agreed minutes of discussions between the high level Mauritanian delegation referred to above, various measures such as India's participation in the Indian Ocean Festival to be held in Mauritius this year and India's assistance on estiblishing a hotel and catering school in Mauritius have been agreed to on principle. Government of India have also agreed to examine administratively and financially to consider the Mauritanian proposal for special incentives to be granted to Indian tourists going to Mauritius.

Change of name of Bombay City

158. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Bombay Muncipal Corporation to change the name of the city from Bombay to Mumbai;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted this request; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As a matter of policy, the Government of India have not been agreeing to the proposals for the change in the names of villages towns, cities merely on grounds of local patriotism or for linguistic reasons or for merely satisfying local sentiments.

News-item captioned "Higher Export Quota for State"

159. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Higher Export Quota for State" which appeared in the Indian Express, Bombay edition of the 5th February 1987; and